GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Complaint No.1884/2022/B1 in the Hon'ble Lokayukta, A.P. - Allegations of substandard execution of works as per Social Audit Reports of 12th & 13th rounds of the PD, DWMA, Ongole - Disciplinary proceedings initiated and AOCs framed against Sri P.Nagendra Rao, the then AE, MPP, Vetapalem Mandal of Prakasam District, now retired – WSD submitted - Disciplinary case forwarded to the Government for taking necessary action under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 422 Dated: 29-05-2025

Read the following:

1.Letter Dis.No.1884/2022/B1/LOK/10385/2022, dt.14.10.2022 of Dy.Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta of A.P.
2.Govt. Memo No.1881805/Vig.II/2022, dated 28.10.2022.
3.Letter No.Vig.III(1)/Loka/2864/2022, dated 24.04.2024 of ENC, PR.
4.Letter No.Vig.III(1)/Loka/2864/2022, dated 05.06.2024 of ENC, PR.
5.Letter No.Vig.III(1)/Loka/2864/2022, dated 10.09.2024 of ENC, PR.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the complainant, Sri K.Nagaraju, R/o.Bapatla has filed Complaint No.1884/2022/B1 before the Hon'ble A.P.Lokayukta duly informing that as per Social Audit Reports of 12th & 13th round, dt.26.05.2022 of Project Director, DWMA, Ongole that there were substandard execution of works carried out by Sri P.Nagendra Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, MPP, Vetapalem Mandal of Prakasam District, now retired and requested to take necessary action in the matter.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government referred the above matter to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj for submitting report and accordingly, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj in the reference 3rd read above, stated among others that the proposed recovery amounts by Social Audit Reports, dt.26.05.2022 are pending with Sri P.Nagendra Rao, Assistant Engineer without follow up action over a long period without adjustment to MGNREGS funds, due to his negligence. Accordingly, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has initiated the disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and framed the following two (2) Articles of Charges against Sri P.Nagendra Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Vetapalem, who was later retired on 30.04.2024:-

Charge-I: *That Sri P.Nagendra Rao, A.E., PIU Sub-Division, Chirala (formerly MEO, MPP, Vetapalem) of Bapatla District is found responsible to pecuniary loss to the Government as he has not recovered and adjusted the Quality Control Recovery amount proposed for Rs.13,511/- in the work bill related to the work "providing internal CC roads from VRS & YRN College of CC Road to RTC Nageswara Rao House at Prasadnagar in Kothapeta GP of Vetapalem Mandal, Work ID No.80109 in the matter pointed out in 12th Round Social Audit Report;*

Charge-2: *That the said Sri P.Nagendra Rao, A.E., PIU SubDivision, Chirala (formerly MEO,MPP, Vetapalem) of Bapatla District is found responsible for wasteful expenditure in MGNREGS works with ID*

Nos.80121, 80123, 80065, 80073, 80074, 80075, 80077, 80078, 80079, 80083 and 80043 to 80058 as the AE recommended wage payment of Rs.24,742/- to NMRs without grounding the works and the matter was pointed out in 13th round Social Audit Report.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj while enclosing the copies of dated acknowledgement and the Written Statement of Defence of Charged Officer has requested the Government to issue necessary instructions/orders in the matter, as Charged Officer was retired from Government service on 30.04.2024.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj while submitting his specific remarks on Written Statement of Defence of Charged Officer, has stated that the work bill was delayed without recovery of QC recovery amount in the office of the Executive Engineer, PIU, Bapatla due to closure of NIC login in NREGS portal and there is no fault on the part of Assistant Engineer towards delay. The Quality Control recovery of Rs.13,511/- is within the permissible limits, i.e., 1.96% deficiency, as per Circular Memo, dt.12.05.2006 of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department and no disciplinary action is needed. There are no standing instructions communicated under MGNREGS to recover the Wage Component amount, if already paid to labor engaged on work through their bank accounts in the event of further work was not executed by the Assistant Engineer due to unforeseen reasons. It is not justified to recover the wage component from Assistant Engineer as claimed in Social Audit Reports, dt.26.05.2022. However, in obedience, the Assistant Engineer remitted his personal money under wage component, already paid to the wage seekers employed on works. The DPREO concluded that the delay in remitting amount in Feb.2024 by the Assistant Engineer for the lapses pointed out in the Social Audit Reports, dt.26.05.2002 in execution of works are not attributable to him and any unforeseen and unintentional delay on the part of Assistant Engineer may be condoned in the interest of principles of natural justice.

5. After careful examination of the matter in detail, Government hereby consider the Written Statement of Defense of Sri P.Nagendra Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, MPP, Vetapalem Mandal of Prakasam District, now retired, and drop further action against him.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri P.Nagendra Rao, the then AE, MPP, Vetapalem Mandal of Prakasam District, now retired. **Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to: The Secretary to V.C, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M. for PR&RD, RWS&S, and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt, PR&RD Department.
SF/SC(1881805).

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